

**REMARKS**

Claims 48-62 are pending in this application. Claims 48, 49 and 50 are independent claims. By this Amendment claims 51-62 are added. Claims 1-47 were previously canceled. No new matter is involved. Clear support for the amendments and for the new claims is found throughout Applicants' originally filed disclosure including, for example, in Figs. 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

**Allowed Subject Matter**

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claim 48.

**35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection**

Claims 49-50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,588,107 to Bowden in view of U.S. Patent 5,751,373 to Ohyama et al. ("Ohyama"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 49 and 50, as amended, recite a combination of features that is neither disclosed nor suggested by the applied art.

In this regard, Applicants note that claim 48 has been allowed and that a stated reason for allowance is that the prior art does not teach or suggest "upon a user selection of a main menu item other than the selected main menu item, the first menu level is redisplayed by erasing the at least one sub-menu item displayed in the allocated space, closing the allocated space such that the first and second main menu items again occupy adjacent spaces, and then re-executing said allocating" as recited in claim 8.

Applicants have added this language, which is indicated as being allowable over the prior art, to claims 49 and 50, thereby rendering them allowable over the applied prior art. Applicants respectfully submit that none of the applied references discloses or suggests these recited features.

Accordingly, claims 49-62 are allowable.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 49 and 50 are respectfully requested.

**New Claims**

New dependent claims 51-56, which depend from allowed claim 48, and new claims 57-62, which depend from claim 50, which is allowable as amended for reasons stated above, are also allowable at least because they depend from an allowable independent claim.

Accordingly, allowance of claims 49-62, along with allowed claim 48, are respectfully requested.

**Conclusion**

In view of the above amendments and/or remarks, an issuance of a Notice of Allowance regarding claims 48-62 is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert J. Webster, Reg. No. 46,472, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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